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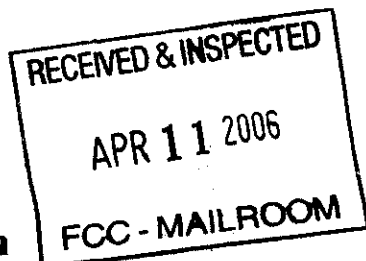
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Delegate Eleanor Norton
U.S. House of Representatives
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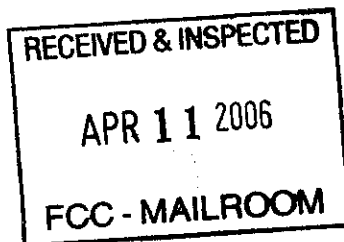
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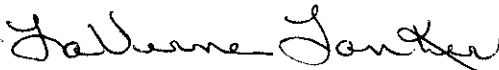
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Dear Mr. Martin:

You know, we're being taxed to death in every way possible. The worst are these hidden, sneaky taxes.

I know that government types come up with other names for these charges and think we won't notice, but we do.

STOP raising our taxes under whatever name you give them! Enough is enough!

Sincerely,



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